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SUBJ: IDB-XII, FURTHER DEFERRAL OF PROPOSAL FOR JOINT
UNIDO/UNCTAD EXPERT GROUP

REF: STATE 128222

1. THE PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT UNIDO/
UNCTAD EXPERT GROUP WAS FIRST DISCUSSED AS AGENDA
ITEM 4(D) DURING PC-X WHERE GROUP D VOICED OPEN OPPOSITION,
GROUP B EXPRESSED SOME RESERVATIONS AND REQUESTED CLARIFI-
CATION OF DETAILS, INCLUDING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE, AND
G-77 COUNTRIES SPOKE IN SUPPORT BUT IN LUKEWARM FASHION
(PARA 6, VIENNA 4659).

2. AS PROMISED BY THE EX DIR AT CONCLUSION OF PC-X DEBATE,
THE SECRETARIAT PRODUCED NEW, REFINED TERMS OF REFERENCE
(VIENNA 4476) FOR IDB-XII. GIVEN CONTINUING RESERVATIONS
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ABOUT SOME ASPECTS OF PROPOSAL, GROUP B DECIDED TO EXPLORE
THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING INFORMAL CONSENT OF OTHER
GROUPS TO HAVE PROPOSAL PUT OFF FOR DECISION UNTIL PC-XI,
ON THE GROUNDS OF NEEDING MORE TIME FOR GOVERNMENTS TO
STUDY THE NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE. THESE EFFORTS WERE
SUCCESSFUL. USING OCCASION OF IDB-XII DEBATE UNDER
AGENDA ITEM 5 ON ADOPTION OF PC-X REPORT (WHICH HAD RE-

FERRED ISSUE TO BOARD), GROUP B SPOKESMAN (CROMARTIE, UK) SUGGESTED REMANDING ISSUE TO PC-XI IN DECEMBER 1978 AND WHEN NO ONE OBJECTED, CHAIRMAN RULED THAT IT WAS SO DECIDED. AS A CONSEQUENCE, THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL UNDER AGENDA ITEM 8 WHERE IT HAD ORIGINALLY FIGURED AS REQUIRED DECISION (E) OF PARA 125 OF SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT ID/B/204.

3. COMMENT. PROPOSAL WILL PROBABLY RESURFACE AGAIN AT UNCTAD TDB OR COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES, BOTH OF WHICH MEET BEFORE UNIDO PC-XI. WE WOULD EXPECT SECRETARIAT TO COME UP WITH STRENGTHENED DOCUMENTATION BEFORE THOSE MEETINGS. WHILE GROUP B MEMBERS WERE HAPPY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES AT IDB-XII TO DEFER DECISION, WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT ALL WOULD HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF EXPERT GROUP IF ISSUE HAD BEEN FORCED, ESPECIALLY SINCE PROPOSAL IS RESPONSIVE TO DESIRE OF GROUP B COUNTRIES THAT UNCTAD AND UNIDO SECRETARIATS COORDINATE ACTIVITIES. BEST WE CAN PROBABLY EXPECT IN NEXT ROUND, IF G-77 TAKES STRONG POSITIVE STAND, IS SOME FURTHER ATTEMPT TO MODIFY TERMS OF REFERENCE, INCLUDING METHOD OF SELECTING MEMBERS OF GROUP. REFTEL STATED USG COULD ACCEPT SECRETARIAT'S REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE IF NECESSARY. SINCE WE NOW HAVE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR REFLECTION, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE AGAIN TO SEE WHETHER WE MIGHT ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE IMPROVED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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